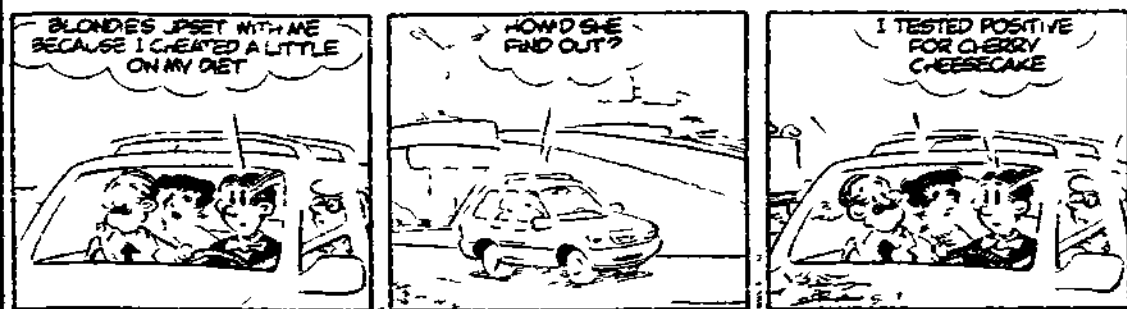


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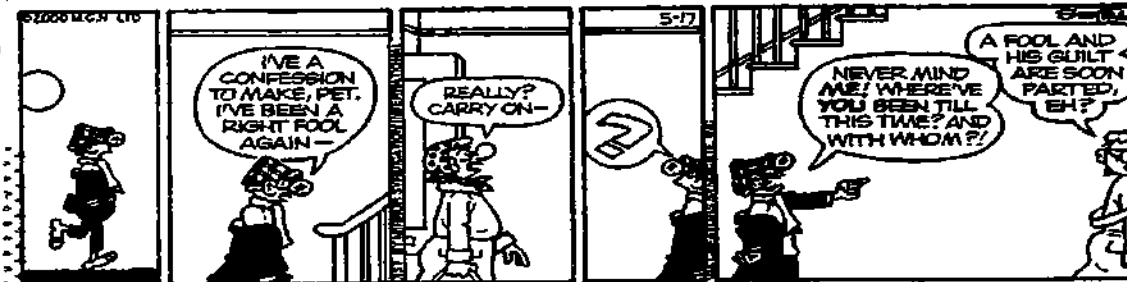
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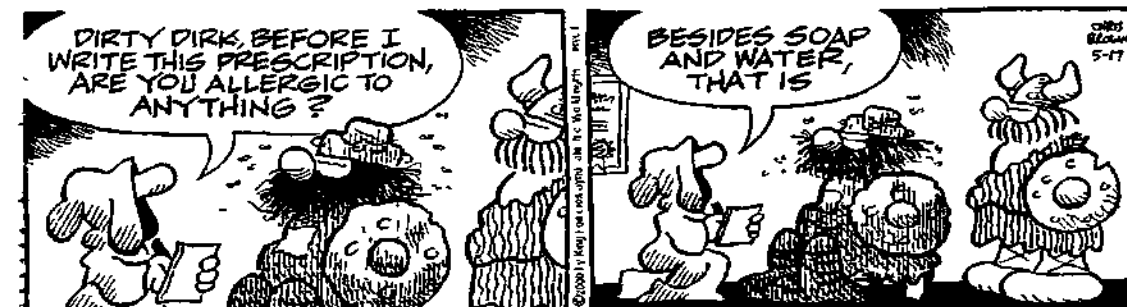
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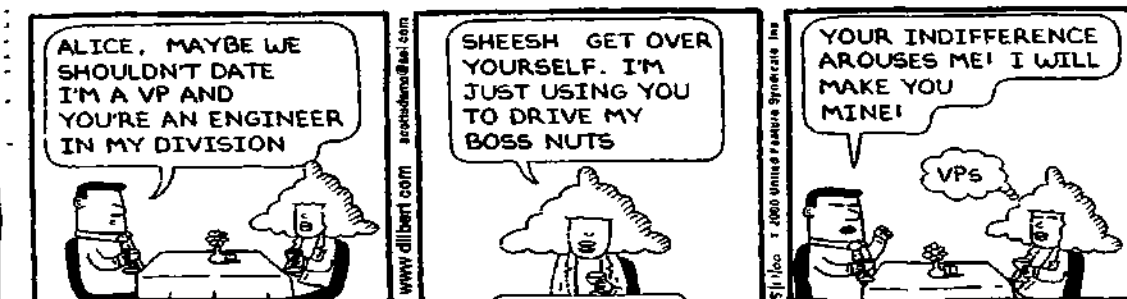
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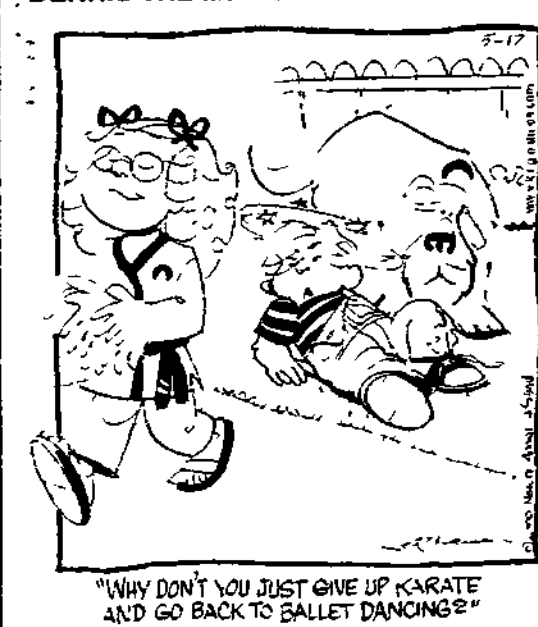
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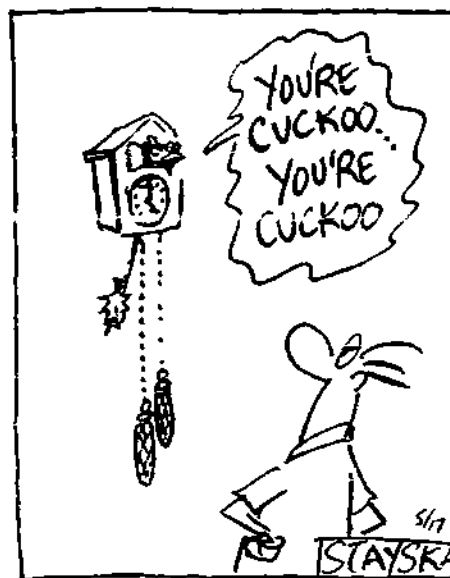
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Former Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox is 88. Opera singer Birgit Nilsson is 82. Actor-director Dennis Hopper is 64. Rhythm and blues singer Pervis Jackson (The Spinners) is 62. Singer Taj Mahal is 58. Singer-songwriter Jesse Winchester is 56. Actor Bill Paxton is 45. Boxing Hall-of-Famer Sugar Ray Leonard is 44. Actor-comedian Bob Sagel is 44. Singer Enya is 39.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

Super Scrabble is a crossword puzzle in which the letters of the words are arranged in a grid. The letters are arranged in a grid that is 10 letters wide and 10 letters high. The letters are arranged in a grid that is 10 letters wide and 10 letters high. The letters are arranged in a grid that is 10 letters wide and 10 letters high.

PAR SCORE 85-95 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: 1. Use a 2 or 4 letter word from the letters in each row. 2. Add points for each word using the following: 1 point for each letter, 4 points for each letter in a 4 letter word, 8 points for each letter in a 4 letter word. 3. Do not double. 4. Do not use the same letter more than once. 5. Do not use the same letter more than once. 6. Do not use the same letter more than once. 7. Do not use the same letter more than once. 8. Do not use the same letter more than once. 9. Do not use the same letter more than once. 10. Do not use the same letter more than once.

For solution, see Classified

HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, May 18

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your subconscious comes to life. Go where your intuition guides you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a good time to let that special someone know your feelings.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Do research at the library or browse the Internet for interesting topics.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your creative juices are flowing as the moon moves into the house of Sagittarius.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Delve deep into the mysteries of life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Participating in philosophical discussions is particularly enjoyable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your feelings are buried far below the surface, just waiting to get out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your intensity is amplified as the moon moves into the house of Sagittarius.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You are quite moody as the moon enters your house.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You might feel a bit detached from friends and family members today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You experience deep feelings that you might not be comfortable with.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Just because you are accommodating doesn't mean you should let people use you as a doormat.

WORD SLEUTH

NEWSPAPER NAMES

RAXURPMJGDAXVES
QNKIFDAXVTQOMB
HSFCAYWULANRUO
RPSNLJHFDBZXBVL
NTRETTEZAGQSEGO
MOCHRONICLENKIH
FHCTAPSIDRIDBZY
WVTARWEQVTIMESS
DLAREHNENUBIRTL
KIHNFBRRERIUNID
CAZRATSOPFXWVUS

Tuesday's unlisted clue: WARDEN

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: THE NEW YORK

Beacon Gazette Journal Sentinel
Chronicle Globe News Star
Dispatch Herald Observer Tribune
Free Press Inquirer Post

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ACES

By Bobby Wolff

South took his spade queen and knocked out East's heart ace. East returned a spade to South's king, and South could count 11 top tricks. All he needed was a drop of a singleton minor-suit jack, or a 3-2 break in one of the minors. South tested clubs first, cashing his ace and king. However, when West discarded, success now rested on bringing in the diamond suit. When South cashed dummy's ace and king, another 4-1 break ended hope, and South could win only 11 tricks. South did batch the play. After winning his spade king at trick three, South should have played diamonds before he played clubs. Why? If diamonds are 4-1, he can pick up J-x-x-x only if East holds the stack. In clubs, he can pick up J-x-x-x against either opponent. After declarer discovers the bad diamond break, he cashes his remaining major-suit winners and cashes his diamond queen, reducing all to four cards. Since he knows that West has the diamond jack, he knows that West cannot also hold J-x-x-x in clubs. Therefore, declarer cashes his club ace and leads to dummy's queen. West's discard gives declarer a proven finesse and he can claim his vulnerable slam.

NORTH
♠ A J 5
♥ Q J
♦ A K 6 5
♣ A 10 6 5

WEST
♠ 10 9 8 7
♥ 8 7 6 2
♦ J 9 7 4
♣ 3

EAST
♠ 6-3-2
♥ A J 4 3
♦ 8
♣ J 8-2

SOUTH
♠ K Q
♥ K 10 9
♦ Q 10 3 2
♣ A K 9 7

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1NT Pass 6NT All pass

Opening lead: Spade 10

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

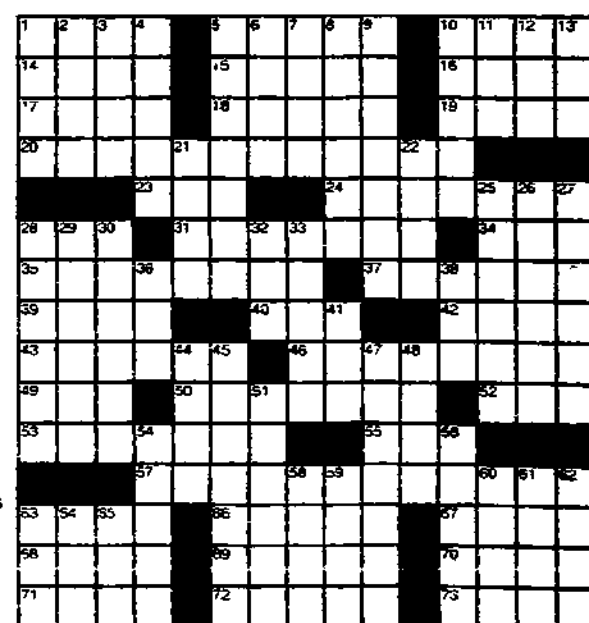
1 Nurse's item
5 Some change
10 "The Far Pavilions" author M. M. ____
14 Worrying words from a driver
15 Campaign stop, e.g.
16 "Shoo"
17 St. Bernard sound
18 "Cheers" barmaid
19 Little dog, for short
20 1936 film starring 57-Across
23 Row
24 1934 film starring 57-Across
28 Compass line
31 Treated with contempt
34 Fam. member
35 1938 film starring 57-Across
37 Actress Dee
39 Target of some creams
40 Lakers' org.
42 Road shoulder
43 Many winter vacationers
46 1949 film starring 57-Across
49 Abbr. on a business letter
50 Tchotchke holder
52 NNW's opposite
53 1957 film starring 57-Across
55 Bub

DOWN

1 Farm females
2 Rider's command
3 In a few minutes
4 Like some shows
5 Actress, young
6 "Terrible" one
7 Ford product briefly
8 Sign up
9 Socks away
10 "Wham!"
11 Knock over
12 Gab
13 Electric ____
21 Air-filled item, maybe
22 Last part
25 Info for waiters
26 Kind of wheel
27 How some steak is served
28 Humiliated
29 "All-American" fellow
57 Actor born April 5, 1900
63 Shake up
66 Ernest ____ winner of the first Pulitzer for fiction
67 Greek liqueur
68 Zone
69 Gallops
70 Stick in one's
71 Tough test, informally
72 Pass
73 Marx with a manifesto

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ESP JIGS ANWAR
OLEG AGRA NORMA
NANA GOOK ATEAT
WALPURGISNACHT
LEA TINKLY
STGEORGESDAY
PERON HROSS MME
ERIN ARR KIEV
WIN CANOE TENSE
SOLARNEWYEAR
ISTHMI DIE
PANAMERICANDAY
ATONE ADAM ULAN
SATIN JOKE PILE
SNEAD ALES TED



Puzzle by Frances Hansen

30 Hardy optimists
32 Have
33 Remove from a sack
36 "Understand?"
38 Measurements overseer: Abbr.
41 Drink suffix
44 Legal defendant: Abbr.
45 Church part
47 Chair part
48 Gist

51 When there's darkness in a Koester's title
54 Relatively cool sun
56 Butter holder
58 Club of song
59 Utility abbr.

60 Emanation
61 6-Down e.g.
62 Long dismal cry
63 Quick punch
64 Ven. pursuit
65 Flock's place

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